website www.rbi.org.in. Many banks have employed Business Correspondents/Business Facilitators to extend their outreach.

Income tax dues pending against cricketers

1553. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether income tax dues are pending from cricket players playing First Class Cricket;

(b) if so, the names of the players and the quantum of dues pending;

(c) whether any prosecutions are pending against such players under the Income Tax Act; and

(d) if so, the names of the players and the offences under which they are charged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Information in respect of outstanding income tax against all the cricket players playing first class cricket is not centrally maintained. To furnish the details player-wise would require compilation of data at all the field formations spread throughout the country, and the time and efforts required would not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.

However, from the available records it is seen that amongst the current cricket players playing first class cricket substantial amount of Rs. 1.66 crore is outstanding against Sh. Sachin R. Tendulkar. The assessee has been granted monthly installments.

(c)No.

(d) No, in view of reply to part (c).

Projects funded by the World Bank

1554. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various projects being executed in various States, particularly in the State of Sikkim with the help of World Bank and other International Financial Institutions;

(b) the details of such projects and investments made therein; and

(c) the details of current position of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The details of projects being executed in various states with assistance of World Bank and other International Financial Institutions are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 212 Annexure No. 3.....]

No projects are Currently being executed in the State of Sikkim with assistance of World Bank or other international Financial Institutions.

Report of the sixth central pay commission

1555. SHRI O.T LEPCHA:
SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report on the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) by when the report of the Pay Commission is likely to be received; and

(e) the date from which it will be deemed as applicable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The stipulated date for submission of the Pay Commission's Report is 4th April, 2008.

(e) Since the Pay Commission's Report has not been received, the deemed date of implementation cannot be stated.

Functioning of the RRBs

† 1556. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) working in India, State-wise;

(b) the names of the banks having participation in these RRBs, State-wise and Bank-wise;

(c) the medium and short term loans extended by these Rural Banks during the last three years for reformation of economy with regard to Rajasthan, Bank-wise;

(d) the deposit lending ratio of these banks during the last three years; and

(e) whether it is a fact that these RRBs have no intention to make their contribution in rural development and have become scam-hub?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MFNISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) A list indicating the number of Regional Banks (RRBs) State-wise and sponsor bank-wise functioning in the country as on 31-11-2007 is at Statement 1 *[See* below).

(c) The loans disbursed by RRBs during the last three years, bank-wise in the State of Rajasthan is given in the Statement II *(See* below).

(d) The Credit Deposit Ratio of these banks during the last three years is at Statement III *(See* below).

(e) RRBs have been contributing to the rural development significantly. RRBs having wide network of branches in rural areas have been an important institution in financial inclusion. RRBs are providing loans mostly to the socially and economically weaker sections of the society. As a result of the concerted efforts made by RRBs, the Agriculture loan issued by RRBs has increased from Rs. 15,299.52 crore in 2005-06 to Rs. 20,388.36 crore in 2006-07. Similarly, the number of Kisan Credit Cards issued have increased from 12,49,474 in 2005-06 to 14,05,874 in 2006-07. NABARD has reported that no instance has come to their notice to substantiate that the RRBs have become scam hub.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.